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Response to Restriction Requirement

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-59

Group II – Claims 60-61

In response thereto, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, Claims 1-59, drawn to methods of detecting a target molecule via a redox active moiety.

The Examiner further required that, if Group I was elected, then three specie elections were also required.

In the First Specie Election for Group I, the Examiner required election to patentably distinct species as follows:

Specie A: Methods wherein the semiconductor substrate contains cell(s), which do not contain numerical data storage means.

Specie B: Methods wherein the semiconductor substrate contains cell(s), which contain numerical data storage means.

In response thereto, Applicant elects the invention of Specie B, namely, methods wherein the semiconductor substrate contains cell(s), which do not contain numerical data storage means. In response to the Examiner's requirement for a listing of all claims readable on the above-elected specie, Applicant lists Claims 1-18, 21-34, 53-55 and 57-59.

In the Second Specie Election for Group I, the Examiner required election to patentably distinct species as follows:

Specie C: Methods wherein an analog-to-digital converter is not present in cell(s) present in the semiconductor substrate.

Specie D: Methods wherein an analog-to-digital converter is present in cell(s) present in the semiconductor substrate.

In response thereto, Applicant elects the invention of Specie C, namely, methods wherein an analog-to-digital converter is not present in cell(s) present in the semiconductor substrate. In response to the Examiner's requirement for a listing of all claims readable on the above-elected specie, Applicant lists Claims 1-4, 7-16, 26, 28-35, 38-55 and 57-59.

In the Third Specie Election for Group I, the Examiner required election to patentably distinct species as follows:

Specie E: Methods wherein a polymerase is not utilized for incorporating a redox active moiety into a target probe.

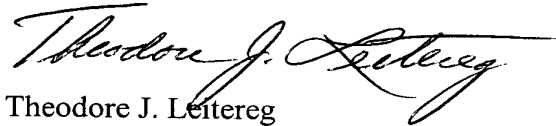
Specie F: Methods wherein a polymerase is utilized for incorporating a redox active moiety into a target probe.

In response thereto, Applicant elects the invention of Specie E, namely, methods wherein a polymerase is not utilized for incorporating a redox active moiety into a target probe. In response to the Examiner's requirement for a listing of all claims readable on the above-elected specie, Applicant lists Claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-25, 27-43 and 57-59.

SUMMARY

Applicant, in response to the requirement in the Office Action, has elected the subject matter of Group I. Furthermore, as required, Applicant has elected Specie A, Specie C and Specie E, respectively, in response to the First Specie Election Requirement for Group I, the Second Specie Election Requirement for Group I and the Third Specie Election Requirement for Group I.

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